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On March 8, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Aldrich, Lake Odessa, Michigan, advised that they had recently read the article in the March, 1965, issue of the "Readers Digest" magazine concerning Martin Bormann. They advised that the photograph and description of Bormann resemble an individual they had recently become acquainted with who resided at Hastings, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich advised that during the fall of 1964 they attended an auction sale of antiques at the home of Arthur Winkler, who resided on a farm about one mile from Hastings, Michigan. Mrs. Aldrich advised that although she did not make any purchases at this time, she did go back later and purchase some items from Winkler. She advised that later she also attended an auction of household goods at the Winkler home.

Mrs. Aldrich advised that Arthur Winkler and his family stated that they were returning to Germany and therefore were disposing of their property. She advised that the Winklers left Hastings, Michigan, on December 6, 1964, stating that they were going to Canada, where they would catch a boat for Germany on December 9, 1964.

Mrs. Aldrich stated that the Winkler family consisted of Mr. Arthur Winkler, his wife, and a son whom she believed to be approximately 35 years of age. She advised that the Winkler family stated that they had been in the United States approximately 35 years. She did not know the length of time they had resided in the Hastings, Michigan area.

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Mrs. Aldrich described Winkler as being in his 60s, about 5'7" in height, thin build but giving the appearance of having been heavier at one time. She advised that he has brown eyes and a swarthy complexion. She stated that she does not know the color of his hair, as she had never observed him without a hat. Mrs. Aldrich stated that Winkler gave the impression of being hot tempered, as he had shown this on one or two occasions during the auction sales held at his home.

Mrs. Aldrich advised that after reading the article concerning Martin Bormann in the "Readers Digest" magazine, she noted a resemblance between Winkler and Bormann. She advised, however, that Winkler was considerably older than the photograph of Bormann which appeared in the magazine.

Mrs. Aldrich went on to say that she has the signature of Arthur Winkler on a bill of sale from some of her purchases.

Mrs. Aldrich advised that both Arthur Winkler and his wife spoke with a distinct German accent and were sometimes difficult to understand.

Mrs. Aldrich requested that should any investigation be conducted concerning information which she furnished that her name not be disclosed to Winkler as it would cause her embarrassment should it be determined that Winkler is not identical with Bormann.

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